

1997 Census of Agriculture County Profile

United States Department of Agriculture
Colorado Agricultural Statistics Service



SAGUACHE COLORADO

Land in farms

Increased 4 percent from 462,086 acres in 1992 to 481,541 acres in 1997.

Average size of farms

Increased 5 percent from 1,848 acres in 1992 to 1,942 acres in 1997.

Full time farms

Decreased 4 percent from 192 farms in 1992 to 184 farms in 1997.

Market value of agricultural products sold

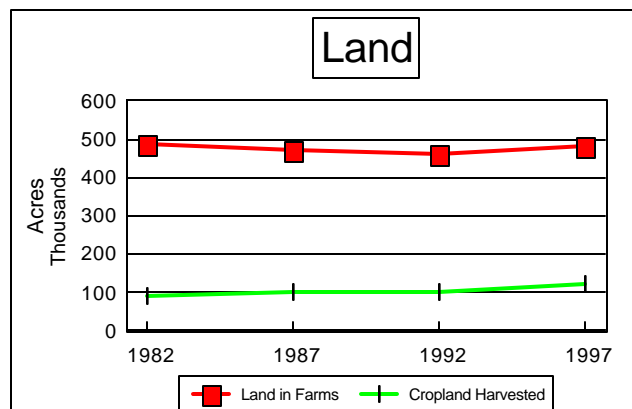
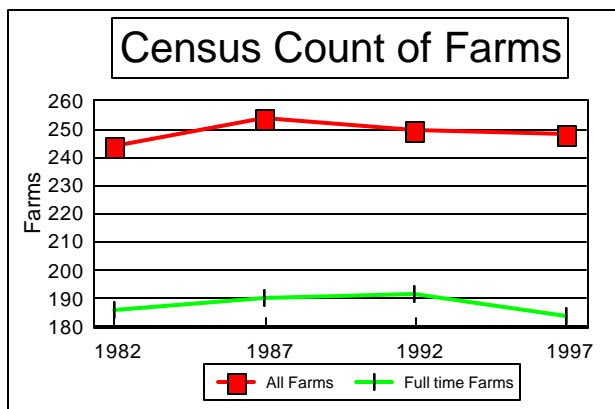
Increased 6 percent to \$50,305,000 in 1997.

Crop sales accounted for 81 percent of the market value.

Livestock sales accounted for 19 percent of the market value.

Market value of agricultural products sold, average per farm

Increased 7 percent from \$189,431 in 1992 to \$202,844 in 1997.



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Ranked Items Within State and U.S., 1997

Item	Quantity	State		U.S.	
		Rank	Universe*	Rank	Universe*
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	50,305	21	63	1,190	3,076
Value of crops including nursery	40,889	12	62	709	3,070
Value of livestock and poultry	9,416	34	63	1,897	3,069
TOP FIVE ALL COMMODITIES - VALUE OF SALES (\$1,000)					
Other crops: potatoes, peanuts, etc	21,579	3	37	67	2,237
Cattle and calves	8,837	31	63	994	3,063
Vegetables, sweet corn, and melons	5,243	7	38	180	2,739
Hay, silage, field seeds, grass seeds	(D)	12	60	113	3,043
Barley	4,935	2	34	47	1,167
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK SOLD (number)					
Cattle and calves sold	20,965	29	63	933	3,063
Colonies of bees sold	(D)	1	17	4	611
Sheep and lambs sold	1,457	24	56	611	2,765
Hogs and pigs sold	(D)	28	54	1,860	2,976
Rabbits and their pelts sold	(D)	14	38	743	1,593
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - LIVESTOCK INVENTORY (number)					
Cattle and calves inventory	46,308	22	62	674	3,064
Sheep and lamb inventory	2,512	19	56	442	2,864
Horse and pony inventory	737	37	63	1,100	3,066
Hogs and pigs inventory	(D)	27	55	1,810	3,005
Layers 20 weeks and older inventory	370	28	58	1,921	3,002
TOP FIVE COMMODITIES - CROP AREA					
Hay crops-acres	77,719	4	62	91	3,061
Potatoes-acres	17,077	3	24	23	1,733
Barley-acres	13,769	2	39	103	1,411
Wheat-acres	12,132	20	50	697	2,612
Land used for vegetables-acres	1,431	10	38	359	2,741

Some counties do not have five commodities in a group.

Other County Summary Highlights

Item	1997	1992	Percent Change
Farms by value of sales:			
Less than \$10,000	65	68	-4
\$10,000 or more	183	182	1
Total farm production expenses\$1,000..	38,615	36,615	5
Average per farmdollars..	155,706	147,047	6
Net cash return from agricultural sales			
for the farm unit\$1,000..	10,092	7,915	28
Average per farmdollars..	40,693	31,787	28
Farms by type of organization:			
Individual or family	168	168	
Partnership or corporation	76	78	-3
Other	4	4	
OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS			
Operators by principal occupation:			
Farming	184	192	-4
Other	64	58	10
Operators by sex:			
Male	231	238	-3
Female	17	12	42
Operators by race:			
White	238	241	-1
Black and other races	10	9	11
Average age of operator	52.5	53.0	-1

(D) Cannot be disclosed. See "Census of Agriculture Volume 1 Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

* Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.